

I have become aware of a situation that I feel seriously undermines our democracy and free press. Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary a mere two weeks before the election is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. Forcing the airing of political programming is no way to demonstrate a free press, and unless equal time is devoted to airing a documentary in which Senator Kerry is depicted in a positive light, the public interest is not being served.

Our very democracy is at stake, making it imperative that the FCC intervene in order to ensure that if Sinclair Broadcasting proceeds in the coerced airing of "Stolen Honor", equal time and attention are devoted to the airing of a documentary that is complimentary to Senator Kerry, such as "Going Upriver".

Thank you for your attention to this very important matter.